(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether those in Vernacular Schools are preferred to fresh hands where all the other claims are equal ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The appointments have hitherto usually been made from a waiting list, but promotions have also been made from time to time to qualified Pandits and Munshis in Vernacular Schools.

(*b*) Seniority in the waiting list has usually been the main consideration.

The London Mission Community and the Revenue Department.

151. ❋MISS. HEPSIBAH GNANASIKAMONY (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Proverthicars, from the London Mission community, in Government service at present (15-11-1934) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): None.

Mascot Hostel in Trivandrum.

152. ❋MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) Will the Government be pleased to state what was the income derived from, and the expenditure incurred during the year 1109 in connection with the Mascot Hotel in Trivandrum ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The income of the Mascot Hotel during 1109 was Rs. 12,607-11-4 and expenditure Rs. 11,204-20-4.

Ice manufactured in the P. W. D.

153. ❋MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what was the expenditure in the matter of running cost of the ice machine, when fuel was used for the purpose ;

(*b*) what is the expenditure of the ice machine, when it is being run by electricity ;

(*c*) whether any of the Executive Engineers has sent up proposal to shift the ice manufacturing machine to the workshop ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, why that proposal was cancelled by the recommendation of the present Chief Engineer ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) One chuckram one cash per lb. of ice.

(*b*) 13·6 cash per lb. of ice.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) On reconsideration it was found safer to leave the machine in its present position, as it is an old one liable to be broken while shifting.

Water supply to conversion lands.

154. ❋MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether they give equal rights in the supply of water from the Pachipara Reservoir to the dry lands converted into wet lands on which is levied the highest water-cess with that of old wet lands and dry lands converted into wet by baling water and

(*b*) whether any preference is given to the old wet lands and dry lands converted into wet by baling water?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes. Equal rights are given in the supply of water.

(*b*) No.

A grant-in-aid Vaidyasala at Kadakkal.

155. ✻**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Kadakkal, Kottarakara taluk, regarding the necessity of having a grant-in-aid *Vaidyasala* there; and

(*b*) whether they have made any investigations in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

Superintendent, Workshops and Stores.

156. ✻**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which Mr. J. W. Chacko was appointed the Superintendent of the Workshops and Stores Division:

(*b*) whether his appointment is only on probation for one year and whether his continuance in service is dependent on his showing a profitable working of the Workshops;

(*c*) whether the question of his continuance in service has yet been decided by Government and, if so, the date thereof and the result of the decision:

(*d*) whether the said Mr. Chacko has applied for a loan from Government and, if so, the date on which the application was made, the amount applied for and the period claimed for repayment;

(*e*) whether the said application was recommended by the Chief Engineer and, if so, the date thereof;

(*f*) whether the Government have sanctioned the loan and, if so, the date of sanction and the terms and conditions on which repayment is secured; and

(*g*) whether the Government have till now considered the impropriety of the application by an incumbent on probation for such a loan and the recommendation made by the Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) 1-2-1934.

(*b*) His term of appointment as Superintendent, Workshops, is for a period of 5 years in the first instance, subject to a satisfactory probation of one year;

(*c*) This has not been decided.

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